

Oxfordshire Health & Wellbeing Board

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Buckinghamshire Oxfordshire & Berkshire West Integrated Care Board (BOB ICB) Primary Care Strategy

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Action Required

The Oxfordshire Health & Wellbeing Board are asked to:

- Note the work undertaken by the ICB and Partners to develop the Primary Care Strategy
- Discuss the content themes and any further points for consideration and/or of concern.

Executive Summary

The BOB ICB draft Primary Care Strategy is presented to the Oxfordshire Health & Wellbeing Board as part of the ICB's commitment to ensuring the contribution and engagement of system partners and the public in the development of its Primary Care Strategy.

Since July 2023 BOB ICB has been developing its Primary Care Strategy informed by research, analysis and engagement. The document in draft form sets out details of the ambition for a new model of primary and community-based care also outlined in our Integrated Care Strategy (published in March 2023) and the Five Year Joint Forward Plan (published in July 2023). This is set in the context of a clear national and global direction of travel for Primary Care, including the Fuller Stocktake, which describes how primary care should streamline access, provide continuity of care and focus more on prevention.

Integration is at the heart of the model and the high-level priorities are below.

- Everyone who lives in BOB to be able to receive the right support when it is needed and with the right health and/or care professional. Our communities are finding it difficult to get an appointment in General Practice or with an NHS dentist, and this needs to change.
- Integrated Neighbourhood Teams to care for those people who would benefit most from proactive, personalised care from a holistic team of professionals, for example those at most risk of emergency hospital admissions.
- To help communities stay well with an initial targeted focus on our biggest killer and driver of inequalities, cardiovascular disease.

Moving towards a more community-based and preventative health and care system will require a fundamental shift of activity, resource and funding, and the changes in the strategy are intended to support that shift.

In developing our Primary Care strategy, we have engaged with many stakeholders across the system in a variety of ways including focus groups, surveys and workshops. The wealth of insights from this engagement as well as supporting documents such as the Current State Report and Good Practice Report have informed the current version of the Strategy that was published on the ICB engagement portal on 10 January 2024.

Following feedback that there had not been adequate time for engagement and for all voices to be accurately reflected, the ICB committed to a structured programme of further engagement that is now coming to an end. There will be a whole system workshop including actions to progress on 20 March followed by ICB Board final sign off in May 24.

Additional papers used to inform the strategy document (available on request or through the engagement portal):

BOB Current State Report

BOB Good Practice Report